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COUNTRY USSR (Black Sea)

REPORT

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SUBJECT

Observation of Installations at the
Kerch Strait / Map with legend
showing port construction,
navigational markers, industrial
plants and other observations

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A report containing the locations of port construction, navigational markers,
industrial plants and other observations in Kerch Strait

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Country: USSR

Subject: KERCH Strait

(Attachment: one map)

The following have been noted in KERCH Strait:

- A. At point one (1), a railroad line which seems to be double-tracked; two trains ^{we've} ~~have been~~ observed ^{passing one another} ~~meeting each other and passing~~ there.
- B. At point two (2), a port under construction; cranes and gantries are located there.
- C. At point three (3), a jetty under construction; it was observed with the naked eye [REDACTED]
- D. At point four (4), one airfield with several hangars; the location of the runways was not pinpointed; some "Migs" and a number of 4-engine jet planes were observed.
- E. At point five (5), a metallurgical plant; demolished in 1942, it is now 85 percent reconstructed.
- F. At point six (6), two ice breakers; one has 12,000 horsepower and the other has 8,000 horsepower, [REDACTED]
- G. At point seven (7), a military zone with cannon, and camouflaged ~~and~~ underground shelters ^{and bunkers}.
- H. At point eight (8), a ^{monument} ~~stone~~ commemorating the war between 1939-45.
- I. At point nine (9), a large industrial area consisting of ~~x~~ one foundry, one iron mine, one power plant, and a number of pieces of handling equipment.
- J. At point ten (10), a port constructed to serve the ^{industrial} plants;

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port is equipped with 12 cranes. The first industrial plant was built in 1935. This industrial complex is presently in full development.

K. 2. At point eleven (11), two ^{channels} ~~channels~~ marked with spar buoys giving access ^{in ballast,} to the port of KAMISH. One Soviet Liberty ship, two 3,000-ton Soviet freighters being loaded, and two or three small warships were observed in the ^{channels,} ~~channels~~.

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